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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 15th/July, through Sunday, 22nd/July there were 205 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, R1FJ, S0, S5, SM, SP, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T32, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XX9, XZ, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

8Q, MALDIVES. Christian, OE3DEC, will be active as 8Q7EC from Biyadhoo Island, South Male Atoll (AS-013), between September 14-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign by the Bureau.

8Q, MALDIVES. Gabor, HA3JB, will be active as 8Q7IP from Hulhumale Island (AS-013) between September 19-30th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. He will also be active in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th). QSL via HA3JB. For more details and updates, see: <http://ha3jb.com/index.html>

9H, MALTA. Tev, TA1HZ, will be active as 9H3HZ from Hal Far. He states, "It will be a very short trip beginning on Friday evening, July 27th, with a participation in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) hopefully as 'Island Station-Dxpedition' category." He will be operating from a B&B, setting up the station right before the contest and making a run to the airport to catch his return flight on Sunday evening. He will be running 100 watts from Yaesu FT991 rig into a window wire antenna on a portable mast. Tev will also do some FT8 if he has some time. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or direct to his TA address. Log will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as the approval comes in. Also upload to eQSL.

9H, MALTA (Reminder/Update). Operators Alan/G3XSV, Robin/G3TXF and Mark/G4AXX will be active as 9H6YB from Malta (EU-023) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single/24-Hrs entry. QSL via G3SWH. The team is expected to be active before the contest starting July 25th,

and sign as 9H3XSV, 9H3TKF and 9H3AXX. They will go QRT after the contest. QSL routes are not available at this time.

A3, TONGA. Roly, ZL1BQD, will be active as A35RR from Togatapu (OC-049) [primarily, but may spend two days on Vava'u (OC-063)] between August 8-17th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using mostly FT8 and JT65. He states, "If the pileups get too deep then I may use "DXpedition mode" for FT8 using the same band plan as the recent KH1 DXpedition. I will run SSB and CW if the conditions allow....." PLEASE NOTE: Roly is primarily there for business so operating hours will be as and when he is able. He is there as a Radio Engineer helping the locals to repair a cyclone damaged Mission Radio Station close to Nuku'alofa. QSL via ZL1BQD.

A3, TONGA. Dr. Hardy, DL7JLL (ex-VP8JLL, ex-E51JLL) will be returning to the Pacific to activate several islands from the Kingdom of Tonga during the months of August and September. The callsign A35JLL will be assigned in August. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters using a KX3 transceiver with 5-10 watts into Kelemen-Inverted-V antenna from various remote islands and reefs while kajaking in the Vava'u and Ha'apai regions. He will use up to 50 watts from various lodges and camps when sufficient energy can be supplied. His schedule is as follows:

August 8-15th -- Nuku Alofa (OC-049)

August 15-30th -- Vava'u (OC-064); Vaka'eitu Island, Taunga Island, Euakafa Island, Tapanu Island, Ofu Island/Kenutu Island, Umuna Island and Mala Island.

August 30st-September 14th -- Ha'apai (OC-069); Uoleva island, Tatafa Island/Uiha Island, Uanukuhahaki Island, Lifuka Island and Salote Pilolevu.

September 14-19th -- Nuku Alofa (OC-123)

QSL all QSOs via DL7JLL direct or by the Bureau.

BW9, TAIWAN. Operators Bruce/BV2KI, Lee/BV2NT, Lee/BX2AB, Chung/BX4AF, Koh/JH3GCN and Alfred/VR2SA will be active as BW9W from Peng Chia-Yu Island (AS-155, WW Loc. PL15AP) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Island-DXpedition entry. QSL via BV2KI.

BW9, TAIWAN. Operators Bruce/BV2KI, Lee/BV2NT, Lee/BX2AB, Chung/BX4AF, Koh/JH3GCN and Alfred/VR2SA will be active as BV0WPX from Peng Chia-Yu Island (AS-155, WW Loc. PL15AP) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Island-DXpedition entry. QSL via BV2KI.

DONATION (Top) DXCC POLL. An important question addressed to ham radio operators interested in DXpeditions' future. The poll is being taken at:

<https://bouvetoya.org/top-dxcc-donation-poll/>

Have your say:

In terms of supporting DXpeditions, will you donate \$10 + the OQRS for QSL/LotW after a DXpedition from a very rare top DXCC or such ATNO for you? * YES

* NO

* YES, but only if I'm in the DXpedition's log

Final poll results to be published on August 4, 2018

*** DO NOT SEND/CAST YOUR VOTE TO THE OPDX; ONLY TO THE URL ABOVE....

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Dave, G4BUO, will be active as E51BUO from from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) between July 30th and August 6th. Activity will be holiday style on CW only using 100 watts into wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign.

II8, ITALY (Special Event). Look for special event station II8MQP to be active between November 1-6th, to commemorate the first Mario Ambrosi, I2MQP, memorial days. Mario Ambrosi has held many positions in ARI for many years (lastly the President), a DXCC Checker for ARRL and for other important Awards. This special callsign will be operated by Oreste, IZ8EDJ, and he will also be the QSL Manager. All QSOs will be confirmed via the Bureau. Special TNX to Liliana, IK2OBS (the wife of I2MQP), for this opportunity.

IOTA NEWS.....

- AS-036. Jen, JE6HCL, will be active as JE6HCL/6 from Iki Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode (CW/SSB) entry. He will be on the island until July 30th. QSL via JE6HCL.
- EU-001. Norbert, OM6NM, will be active as SV5/OM6NM from Kos Island, Dodecanese, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op entry. Activity will be holiday style. QSL via OM2FY.
- EU-008. Operators Allan/GM3OZB, Barry/GM3YEH, Bill/GM3ZRT, Steve/GM4OSS, John/GM0DJG, Jason/GM7VSB and Gordon/GM7WCO will be active as GM7A [callsign of the Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC. (GM0ADX)] from Isle of Coll during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Mixed-Mode/Low-Power entry. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via GM7WCO, direct or by the Bureau.
- EU-020. Eric, SM1TDE, will be active as SD1A from Gotland Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/CW-Mode/24-Hrs/Island entry. QSL via the Bureau.
- EU-029. Palle, OZ2PBS, will be active from Zealand Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Assisted/High-Power entry. QSL via OZ2PBS, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.
- EU-029. Steen, OZ8SW, will be active from Sjaelland Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/CW-Mode/Assisted/High-Power entry. QSL via OZ8SW.
- EU-030/ (EU-030 Cancelled). Dan, DL5SE, was expected to be active as 5P5CW from Bornholm Island (EU-030) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th), but instead will be active from Aro Island (EU-172) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/Island-DXpedition/Unassisted/24-Hrs/High-Power entry. There was a problem with the ferry to EU-30. QSL via DL5SE.
- EU-054. Pippo, IT9PPG, will once again be active as IF9A from Favignana Island (IIA TP-011, MIA MI-025, WLOTA LH-1545) during the RSGB IOTA Contest as (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/DXpedition/24-Hrs/CW entry. QSL via the Bureau.
- EU-083. Members of the ARI La Spezia, will once again be active as IP1T from Isola del Tino (IFF IFF-218, IIA SP-002, MIA MI-114, ITA ITA-058, WLOTA 0645) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/1-Stn/High-Power entry. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using low power, with antennas: Windom (80-10m) and a vertical 1/4 wave on 40 meters. QSL via I1ANP, direct or by the Bureau (preferred). Operators mentioned are Jul/I1SAF, Marco/IK1IXF, Mirco/IK1WVR, Felix/IK1ZVJ, Stefano/IU1IEK, Roberto/IZ1ZCT, Mauro/IZ1JLS and Riccardo/IZ1JOE.
- EU-088. Operators Georg/DJ6GI and Alex/DD5ZZ to be active as 5P5X from Laesoe Island ("Hungriger Wolf" Airport) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single/Mixed-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via DD5ZZ (only for IOTA).
- EU-095. Operators Philippe/F1AEY, Maciej/F4VSQ, David/F5SDD and Gilles/F6IRA will be active as TM5F from Ratonneau Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via F5SDD.
- EU-123. Doug, GM0ELP, will be active as MM3T from the Isle of Bute (IOSA CL02, SCOTIA CS19, WLOTA 1883) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/CW-Mode/12-Hrs/Assisted/High-Power entry. QSL via MM3T.

- EU-131. Several members of the ARI Mestre Team will be active as IQ3ME/p from Pellestrina Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via IQ3ME, direct or by the Bureau.
- EU-132. Przemek, SP7VC, will once again be active as SP7VC/1 from Wolin Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/SSB-Mode entry. QSL via LoTW.
- EU-140. Kari, OH5TS, will be active from Kuorsalo Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or OH5TS direct.
- EU-146. Teun, PA5TT, will be active from Schouwen Duiveland during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode entry. QSL via PA5TT.
- EU-146. Ivan, ON4IBM, will be active as PA/ON4IBM from Schouwen Duiveland during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode/24-Hrs/High-Power entry. QSL via ON4IBM.
- EU-147. Operators Bernard/G3SHF, Carsten/GOSYP, Tom/M0DCG, Pete/M1PTR and Kieron/EI6KP (M5KJM) will be active as EJ6KP from Aranmore Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Island-DXpedition entry. QSL via LoTW, via IRTS or RSGB.
- EU-147. Operators Victor/R1NU and Dmitry/UA1NFA will be active as R1KRG/P from the Island of Bol'shoy Kimalishche during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via R1NU. ADDED NOTE: Before and after the contest, operators will sign R25RRA.
- EU-172. Paul, DL5CW, will be active as OZ/DL5CW from Hjarno Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.
- NA-029. Operator Ken, VY2TT, will once again operate from Prince Edward Island in eastern Canada using the VY2TT superstation (Grid Square FN76vs, CISA PE-001) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via VY2TT direct.
- NA-036. Sandro, VE7NY, will be active as VE7NY/7 from Denman Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a All-Band/Mixed-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via VE7NY.
- NA-047. Mike, VE2XB, is once again active as VY0BRR from Iqaluit, Nunavut, as of July 14th. He will be there for several months at least until Christmas 2018. Activity will be on all modes and all bands except 160 meters. QSL via VE2XB. For more details and updates, watch: <http://vy0brrr.jimdo.com>
<https://www.qrz.com/lookup/vy0brr>
- NA-128. Look for members of the "NA-128 Contest Group" to once again be active as CK2I from Isle-aux-Grues (FN47), Quebec, Canada, between July 27-29th. Activity will be holiday style. They plan to be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. Look for a few FT-8 QSO before the contest to check the antennas. QSL via VE2CQ (direct) and LoTW.
- NA-137. Operators Bert/N4CW and Jim/W4TMO will be active as K1IMI [the Al Michaud Memorial Club callsign] from Bailey Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to N4CW. NO Bureau.
- OC-130. Operator Ireneo/DU9XL, Roldan/DU9XM and Ernesto/DU9CA will be active as DX9EVM from Mindanao Island, Philippines, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via DX9EVM.

- SA-012. YL May, YV7MAY, will be active from Isla Margarita (she lives on the island) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). She will be active on 40/20/15/10 meters with a 2 element Yagi for 40m and Moesley TA-33 running Low-Power. QSL via her QSL Manager (EA8MU, Bureau & LoTW).
- SA-047. Members of the Parana State Amateur Radio Association will be active as ZV50 from Mel Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Island-DXpedition entry. QSL via PZ5ZD. Operators mentioned are Fernando/PY5FO, Luiz/PY5HC, Gonçalves/PY5IN, Luciano/PY5LF, Vigand/PY5QW, and Marcelo/PY5ZD.
- SA-072. Ronaldo, PS8RV, will be active as ZV8FF from Canarias Island (WFF PYFF-0209) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode/Low-Power entry. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, ZV8FF, or PS8RV (direct or by the Bureau).

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new <www.iota-world.org> have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA. JD1YAB/JD1 is currently active from Minami Torishima until early August 2018. Operation times are sporadic, but are on 17 and 15 meters. QSL via JS1LMG.

KH1/KH7Z BAKER ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS.....

- * Don Greenbaum, N1DG, posted on KH1/KH7Z Baker Island DXpedition Facebook page on July 15th: Clean log containing over 435 missing QSOs are now uploaded and OQRS is activated.
- * An interesting article (w/pictures) about the KH1/KH7Z Baker Island DXpedition has been written and posted by the Nai'a crew at: <https://www.naia.com.fj/blog/dxpedition-baker-island>
- * (Updated) As of 1158z, July 5th, ClubLog reports that there were 68980 QSOs, with 18106 Unique callsigns. Breakdown by modes: 32439/CW, 18905/SSB, 963/RTTY and 16670/FT8. Breakdown by Continent: 94/AF, 29048/AS, 11917/EU, 25254/NA, 2333/OC and 334/SA.

MD7, ISLE OF MAN. Rich, M5RIC, will be active as MD7C from the Isle of Man (EU-116) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode entry. QSL via M0OXO.

OSPOTA CONTEST 2018. The 11th annual Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) Contest will take place between 1400-2200z, on September 8th. Contact operators in the Ohio State Parks. For more details, rules and entry form, see: <http://www.opspota.org>

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Carsten, OY1CT, will be active from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via OY1CT.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (July 23-29th).....

Jul/23rd HN	Jul/26th AN	Jul/28th AN
Jul/24th AN	Jul/27th AN	Jul/29th AN
Jul/25th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <<http://www.bandconditions.com>>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

<http://www.voacap.com/hf/>

A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>

Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF <www.qslinfo.eu> [July 22nd]

3A/IK1OOG via IK1OOG(B);	I1YRL (d)	PJ2Y via AB8YK (d)
4L/RM8A via RM8A	EM7U via UR7UT or (e)	PY0F/PY7RP via PY7RP (d)
5B4ALX via IZ4AMS	F/PD1RP via PD1RP & (L)	R75WKB via R5WW
9A/OE6GBG via OE6GBG	G8DX via G8DX (d/L)	RO75NN via R2EA (O)
9A/S55G/P via S55G & (L)	HA68MAV via HA68MAV (L/e)	SF150PN via SM6VVT (d/L)
9A/S58Y/P via S58Y	HB30OK via HB9OCR	SM7/IK3GES via IK3GES
9A1WFF via 9A2MF	HB9BIPI via HB9EUD	SP/W5HWZ via W5HWZ
9X9PJ via N4GNR (d)	IQ0RU via 9A5URI	SP300PAF via SP5PSL
CR5F via CT1EHX	IS0BSR/IM0 via IS0BSR (L)	SP309PAF via SP5KCR
DP7X via DL6IAK	JW/SQ1SGB via SQ1SGB (d)	SV8/SV4FFL via SV4FFL (d/L)
E7/VK4DX via VK4DX	KL7/F6FMT via F6FMT	TK/F1MZQ via F1MZQ
EA6/DH2PA via DH2PA	LC9S via LA9GSA & (L)	TM85TF via F6KUF
EG3RRC via RZ3EC	LX9LARU via LX9LARU & (L)	V6J via JP3AYQ (d/O)
EG8RTF via EA8URE	LZ380PM via LZ1KCP	YJ0GA via ZL3GA (O/d/B/L)
EH9NET via EH9NET (e)	NU4E via DJ8OG	YP1000LEANY via YO6KNE
EJ0DXG via M0OXO (O)	OC8FWC via OA4O	ZS1/OH2IO via OH2IO

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
 (O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
 (I) No IRC (P) PayPal

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/Z66X>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3XY5M, 4Z70IARC, 9K2OK, A92GR, EA1CJ, EA5WO, FS/KH8Z, G3VGZ, JA1UXC, JA1WQD, KH1/KH7Z, PU4ISA, Z68M (after PayPal payment) and ZF2RM

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4B4B, 5A1AL and P29RR

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!

SV5, DODECANESE. Claudio, HB9OAU, will once again be active as SV5/HB9OAU from Votsalakia Beach Hotel, Amooi, Karpathos Island (EU-001), between September 8-20th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog, eQSL and LoTW.

SV8, GREECE. Sigi, DL7DF, will be active as SV8/DL7DF from Zakynthos Island (EU-052) between October 1-15th. He will be on holiday with his XYL Sabine in Greece. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SBB, and RTTY as often as possible. His equipment will be a Elecraft K2, a power amplifier XV600, a multiband vertical and a laptop computer. QSL via DL7DF, direct or by the DARC Bureau. Log will be uploaded within 6 months after his operation.

TX5, AUSTRAL ISLANDS. Operators Bob/K4UEE, Robert/K5PI, Madison/W5MJ,

Robert/W5RF and Bill/W5SJ will be active as TX5T from Raivavae Island (OC-114) between August 13-22nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 (DXpedition mode). Suggested frequencies are:
 CW - 1822.5, 3528, 7028, 10128, 14028, 18078, 21028, 24898 and 28028
 SSB - 1848, 3788, 7088/7188, 14188/14288, 18138, 21288, 24938 and 28488
 RTTY - 3588, 7088, 10138, 14088, 18100, 21088, 24920 and 28088 kHz
 6m - 50108/CW
 QSL via M0URX. For more details and updates, see: <http://australs2018.com>

V4, ST. KITTS. Gary, G0FWX, will once again be active as V47FWX from Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104), between August 18-25th and between November 7-14th. He will be operating from the QTH of John, V47JA. Activity will be holiday style (in between sunbathing and the casino) on various HF bands. QSL via M0URX or the OQRS.

V6, MICRONESIA (Updated). Members of the Nara DX Association are now active as V6J from the rare IOTA Ta Islands (OC-254) until July 31st. However, it was reported on July 20th, on QRZ.com: "You may have already noticed that V6J suddenly went to QRT last night around 14 GMT. V6J is operating from the island chief's property and one guard is watching the V6J operation site from morning till night. Since the guard has to go back home at night, the full midnight operation is impossible. Originally around the clock operation was planned, but V6J team has no choice but to accept the local rule. So the operation hour of V6J is between 22 GMT and 14 GMT. We hope you will understand the situation. Another obstacle is interference to the local radio equipment that runs on 8 MHz. Ta Island people communicate with other islands people twice a day using this 8 MHz radio equipment. The problem is that not only routine report is exchanged, but also the Ta Island people enjoy rag chew with the people on the other islands and sometimes the rag chew continues over one hour. We don't know when this regular communication starts. Since V6J gives the interference to the local telecommunication, when Ta Island people start the communication, V6J has to stop the operation right away and all of sudden. In the worst case, V6J might be silent for over one hour." Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15 meters as well as 6 meters. Operations will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (frq. posted on QRZ.com). QSL via JP3ATQ, ClubLog's OQRS (recommended) or SASE. No Bureau or No LoTW please. Look for updates to be posted on QRZ.com.

Z6, KOSOVO (Press Release). Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following press release from Cork, Ireland, on July 16th [edited]: KOSOVO, Z66X WITH EMPHASIS ON FT8 -- The Kosovo International Friendship Consortium, Z66X, will activate Kosovo once again beginning July 19 through July 30th with emphasis on FT8 Digital from 80m through 6m and utilizing the recently released DXpedition mode version 1.9.1, downloadable from:

<https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/kljt/wsjsx.html>

(Please read https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/kljt/FT8_DXpedition_Mode.pdf for details on split operation).

The operators are Enda/EI2II, Declan/EI9HQ, Martti/OH2BH, Hans/PB2T, Driton/Z61DX and Fehmi/Z62FB.

With the success of their first FT8 activations; OJ0BH, 7Q7EI, Z61AS and recently KH1/KH7Z, it is felt that FT8 DXpedition mode needs some further activation also in Europe. Recent authorization of 6M in Kosovo will also add to this desire.

So as not to impede on the normal FT8 traffic we will operate on the following frequencies:

Band	FT8 DXpedition	Band	FT8 DXpedition
80	3567	15	21091
40	7056	12	24911
30	10131	10	28091
20	14090	6	50323
17	18095		

QSL Z66X via OH2BH via Clublog which will be on-line throughout the operation.

We are delighted to announce that 'Kosovo - the World's newest DXCC

entity' along with this Z66X operation will be presented at 'DX Féile'
- the EI DX Convention, by Martti, OH2BH (September 14-15th).
See www.dxfeile.ie for full information on this unique event.

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